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**REQUEST TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY DUE TO**  
**LATE RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION**

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP §710.06, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the period for response to the Notification of Defective Response, dated February 26, 2004, but mailed March 30, 2004, be reset.

This request is filed within two weeks of March 30, 2004, the date the Notification was actually mailed. More than two weeks have elapsed from the mailing of the Notification by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the date the Notification was received by Applicant's counsel.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the Notification of Defective Response (front and back) and the envelope (front and back) in which the document was mailed. It is and it has been the practice of the counsel's mailroom staff to stamp the reverse side of the first page of each piece of mail received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date the mail is received. The correspondence is then forwarded to our docketing department, which also stamps the back of the document. As evidenced by the date stamps, the above-mentioned

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Notification was received, both by the mail clerk and by the docketing supervisor, on April 1, 2004. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the date of this Notification be reset.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is believed no fee is required for this Petition. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #037272.49027US).

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Respectfully submitted,



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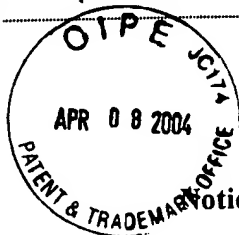
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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 1-22-04 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).

## THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☒ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
  - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☐ E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is **not extendable**.

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If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

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